



# APA NEWS

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## President Resigns

After serving for 25 years on the Iowa Aviation Museum's Board of Directors, President Ron Havens, has submitted his resignation effective January 31st.

Having been a board member since its beginning, Ron has been involved in every aspect of the museum's growth.

His commitment to the museum apparent, Ron has been an integral part of numerous improvements during his tenure, including the purchase of the north half of the hangar, the addition of a concrete floor, heating/air conditioning, additional lighting, the installation of a standing seam roof and new highway signs (three times!). His legacy, however, is most certainly the Hall of Fame/Library which he designed and built, donating all of his time to do so. The beautiful glass blocks which funded the project were also his idea, etching many of them himself.

His practical, reality-based presence at board meetings will be missed.

Ron has been the consummate board member. Not only has he taken an active role in all museum events, but he has

envisioned excellent ideas and created the implementation and successful follow-up to make them a reality.

His lifetime member plaque says: "This is in recognition of his dedication, creativity and generosity which has resulted in the growth of the museum."

Thank you, Ron, for your invaluable help and support through the years, but most importantly for your friendship.

## Hall of Fame Selection Committee Chosen

The three members of the 2013 Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame Selection Committee are ready to begin their work.

Scott Fisher, author of the book *Eastern Iowa's Aviation Heritage*; Tim McClung, Planning and Outreach Manager for the Office of Aviation; and Tim Busch, President and Chief Flight Instructor at Iowa Flight Training and Acquisition Manager at Rockwell Collins, have accepted the daunting task of reading and evaluating the nominations received.

Once their evaluation forms are completed and returned to the museum, tabulations will be made to see who will be inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame this year.

## A Good Crowd For The Chili Fly-In

On Saturday, January 26th the museum held its 16th Annual Chili Fly-In/Drive-In.

It was a sunny, snowless, cold winter day. Aircraft began arriving by 10:30 a.m. Planes were flown in from Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, and all over Iowa.

A pilot from Roanoke, Texas, flying his 1957 de Havilland Beaver home from Minnesota, was radioed by another pilot on his way to Greenfield and invited to fly in for chili. He did. In total, fifty-four airplanes were flown in for the event.

Volunteers provided the many crockpots and roasters of chili, containers of sandwiches, pans of bars and served approximately 175 very hungry guests.

Harlan's own aviation artist Bob Fields displayed several of his beautiful paintings, Greenfield's own Pearl Harbor survivor Clarence Pfundheller shared his reminisces, and author/storyteller Paul Berge did an encore reading of his original story, "The Hangar" for fly-in attendees.

(See photos pages 4-5)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to the following for your new or renewed membership.  
Your support is very important to the growth of the museum!

### New

*Matt Bednar      Al Eckilson*

### Renewal

*Rex & Cheryl Berkey  
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Wyatt & Patti Burch  
David & Lynne Don Carlos  
Bob & Marilyn Moffitt  
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Martin Pillers  
Denny & Joann Davis*

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John Siembieda  
Vernon Doty  
Dennis Johnson  
Larry Baker  
Curt & Terri Estell  
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"I have lifted my plane . . . for perhaps a thousand flights and I have never felt her wheels glide from the Earth into the air without knowing the uncertainty and the exhilaration of first-born adventure."

*~ Beryl Markham*



### Pay Pal Account

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### Hall of Fame Spotlight ~ Clayton Folkerts

Born on November 9, 1897, on a Grundy County, Iowa farm, Clayton Folkerts was a self-taught designer, builder and pilot of early airplanes. Experimenting with designs and materials found on the family farm, Clayton constructed five home-built aircraft from 1916 to 1926. He distinguished himself in the airplane design field with the successful production of the monocoque.

Working at Central States Aero in Davenport for \$35 a week, Clayton taught himself to weld and solely built the Monocoque prototype in 4 1/2 months. It was a side-by-side enclosed cockpit airplane designed for high performance using relatively little horsepower. It was put into

production in Bettendorf, Iowa and later in Moline, Illinois. By the end of 1928, 90% of all light planes and 10% of all licensed airplanes owned in the U.S. were monocoques. Even Col. Charles Lindbergh ordered a monocoque equipped with brakes. By 1930, air races were dominated by monocoques. The Monocoque 90, another Folkerts design, which was a streamlined version of the original aircraft, remained in production from 1930 to 1950.

Clayton's later designs were centered on racing planes. His Speed King 2 won national titles from 1936 to 1938. The "Jupiter" won several air races in 1937.

During WWII, Clayton was a project manager in Ohio for the development of trainers and

assault gliders. In 1948, Clayton returned to Iowa and farmed near Bristow. After retiring in 1950, he moved to an acreage near Iowa Falls and lived there 14 years before he passed away in 1964.

Clayton Folkerts was inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame in 1993.



### *Thank You*

...to Ron Havens, Ann Pellegrino, Thomas Birr, First National Bank of Greenfield, Sharon Daut, Tom Reis, Kris and Greg Schildberg, Dick Westbrook, Ken Sidey and Frank Moden for the items they have donated.

...to Yvonne Schildberg, Ernie Gruwell, Clyde Cable, Early Wheels of Iowa, Road Rally Charities, Jack and Susan Slau-son, Annette Owenson, the Wellmark Foundation, Diane and Bob Weiland, Linda Sidey, Joe Vandewater, Letha Maynes, Larry Riley and an anonymous donor for their monetary donations.

...to the following for making the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Fly-In/Drive-In the great success that it was: Ginny Kuhfus, Peg Holland, Bettie McCunn, Roberta Nichols, Ida and Clarence Moshier, Nancy and Dick Gross, Bonnie and Jim Stalder, Gene and Laverne Jensen, Annette Owenson, Dick Westbrook, Kris Wise, Dan Sereda, Greg Schildberg, Chuck Stanley, Mark Nelson, Cindy and John Schildberg, Joe Wallace, Lynne Don Carlos, Diane Weiland, Yvonne Schildberg, Greenfield Street Department guys, Clarence Pfundheller, Bob Fields, and Paul Berge and...

...to Kris Schildberg for all that she does to make this event possible and...

...to everyone who joined us.

...to Ron Havens for the new sign on the front of the building and directional sign that he fabricated, installed and donated.

...to Roberta Nichols and Jim Stalder for being responsible, dependable and loyal employees.

...to Empowering Adair County Foundation board members who have once again shown their support of the museum by awarding a grant for an upcoming project.

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## 2013 Chili Fly-In/Drive In



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Top left: Aviation artist Bob Fields shows a few of his beautiful paintings. Top: Paul Berge does an encore performance of his wonderful story "The Hangar." Below: Roberta Nichols, Bettie McCunn and Peg Holland ~ a warm welcoming committee.



Middle left: One of the fifty-four airplanes flown in, a 1957 deHavilland Beaver on floats. Lower left: A full house, approximately 175 guests enjoy chili and conversation with other aviation enthusiasts. Below: Volunteer Bonnie Stalder serves a variety of delicious bars and cookies donated by museum members and staff. Barbara Gatschet makes the difficult choice.







Upper left: Dorothy and Kenneth McWhorter celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at the fly-in. Upper middle: Two WWII vets reminisce. Upper right: Talking airplanes. Middle left: The EAA Windriders, Chapter 1533 based in Clarinda were well represented. Above: Monkeys were flying! Left and bottom left: More great aircraft. Bottom right: Lee Ann Nelson and Paul Berge discuss.



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### Buy a Brick, Build a Hangar

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### Museum Awarded Grant

Empowering Adair County Foundation has awarded the Iowa Aviation Museum a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the production of a promotional video.

Empowering Adair County Foundation has awarded over \$86,000 in grants for 2012-2013, funding eleven projects in Adair County.

The Iowa Aviation Museum has been awarded grants in the past from EACF including one last year which funded the updating and replacement of the museum's highway and interstate signs.

## Did You Know...

Nancy Drew mysteries, written by author Carolyn Keene, were wonderful books. Nancy was smart, adventurous and an amazing sleuth. For over 80 years, she gave young girls the belief that they could accomplish anything. After all, *she* solved a mystery in every book!

Carolyn Keene, however, was a pseudonym. The first author of the Nancy Drew books was actually Mildred Benson.

Benson was born in Ladona, Iowa in 1905. She always knew she wanted to write, receiving her first writing award at the age of 14.

Benson was the first person to receive a master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa. She wrote the first 23

Nancy Drew books; originally paid \$125 each.

She was also an accomplished pilot, with private, instrument, commercial and seaplane ratings. She learned to fly while in her 50s and flew into her early 90s until she lost much of her eyesight in a botched eye operation.

For a time, Benson wrote an aviation column in the *Toledo Blade* called *Happy Landings* as well as other columns. She continued writing until the day she died at the age of 96.

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The classic novel *Mutiny on the Bounty* is the story of Captain William Bligh and the angst ridden Fletcher Christian who along with other members of the crew,

staged a mutiny so they would not have to leave the idyllic island of Tahiti where they had spent many months. The book was co-authored by Charles Nordhoff and Iowan James Norman Hall.

Hall was born in Colfax, Iowa in 1887. He graduated from Grinnell College in 1910. When World War I broke out, he joined the British Army by posing as a Canadian. When his nationality was discovered, he returned to the United States and wrote his first book, *Kitchener's Mob*, telling of his experiences in the war.

Hall returned to France in 1916 and joined the Lafayette Escadrille, an American volunteer flying squadron in the French Air (continued page 8)

## JOIN TODAY!

Become a member of the Iowa Aviation Museum.

Your annual membership will help the museum continue to preserve Iowa's aviation history.

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## Museum Hours

Monday thru' Saturday  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday~1-5 p.m.

### Admission Prices

Adults ~ \$5.50  
55 & older ~ \$3.50  
Children (5 to 12) ~ \$2.50  
Members & Children (4 & under)~ FREE

## APA Mission Statement

*"The Antique Preservation Association was formed to develop a facility to preserve, restore, and display antique aircraft of the 'golden era of aviation' (years prior to WWII) and related memorabilia all for the education and pleasure of the public, and to honor Iowa aviators of the past, present and future."*

continued from page 7) Force. When the U.S. entered the war, he was made a Captain in the Army Air Service. It was here he met writing partner Nordhoff. Hall was shot down during a mission and spent the last few months of the war in a German prison camp.

After the war he moved to Tahiti. There he and Nordhoff wrote many successful books including their most well-known, *Mutiny on the Bounty*. He died in 1951 and is buried in Tahiti, but he never forgot his Iowa roots.

*“When thou seest an eagle,  
thou seest a portion  
of genius; lift up thy head!”  
~William Blake*

## Introducing New Board Member

The Board of Directors of the Iowa Aviation Museum have confirmed the addition of a new director. Joe E. Wallace from Creston will officially join the board at their March 12th meeting.

Joe became interested in airplanes and flying at an early age. His father said that he could afford an airplane easier than the corn Joe plowed out while watching them instead of the corn rows.

He says, "Having visited the Iowa Aviation Museum, I find the collection displayed needs a secure future and I have an interest in doing so."

Welcome aboard, Joe!

## Pellegrino Talks Earhart On Air

On January 9th, Hall of Fame member Ann Pellegrino of Rhone Texas was a guest on the *Halli Casser-Jayne Show*. The international radio blogger interviewed several guests concerning Amelia Earhart, a subject of which Ann is considered an expert.

To listen to the interesting 72-minute radio talk show, click the link below:

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